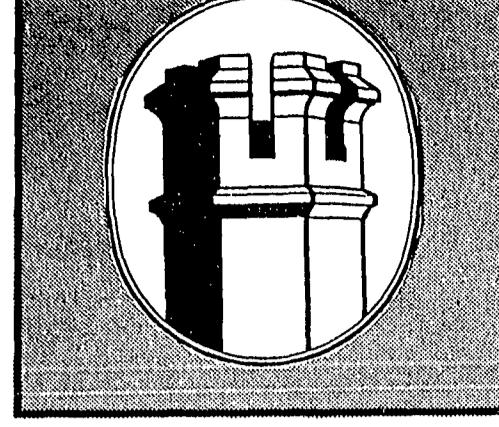


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Specialist stresses value of preventive medicine

STEVEN WOOLFOLK

Associate Editor

A physical fitness program for the faculty and staff of Northwest was discussed during the faculty meeting Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

According to University President Dean Hubbard, the University cannot expect its students to lead a healthy lifestyle if the faculty and staff fail to do so.

He said the program would be offered free of charge to those interested.

"At no cost you get a very extensive physical and a personally prescribed program for health," Hubbard said.

Millie Cooper, a fitness expert from the Cooper Institute, was invited to

discuss the importance of being physically fit.

According to Cooper, many Americans do not have the self-discipline to become involved in a good exercise and diet program.

"If you pursue this philosophy that we pursue in this country it will destroy you as an individual, then it will destroy us as a nation," Cooper said.

She said people who know they are important and feel self-confident about themselves are more likely to have the discipline to get started.

"Whether you are a janitor here or you are the president of this University you are both equally important," Cooper said.

There are four keys to leading a

healthy life, according to Cooper, including proper weight, proper diet, proper exercise and staying away from tobacco products and alcohol.

She said failure to comply with these simple guidelines can eventually lead to several health problems including heart disease, the leading cause of death in America.

According to Cooper, stress and weight problems are two of the most common causes of heart disease.

"Even slightly overweight women have an increased chance of heart disease," Cooper said. "The risk doubles with women who have gained more than 20 pounds since age 18."

Cooper was quick to point out, however, men are by no means off the hook.

"Men who are unfaithful to their wives have a higher death rate than those who are not," Cooper said. "That stress and fear of getting caught can lead to heart disease."

According to Cooper, anyone can be affected by heart disease.



Speaking at the faculty meeting held Tuesday, Aug. 18, Millie Cooper, of the Cooper Institute, addressed the audience on the role of physical fitness as preventive medicine. Jack Vaught - Photo Director

"I don't care if you are the chairman of your department; no one is immune to heart disease."

She said children as young as 5 years old, who have died accidentally, have had autopsies show early signs of clogged arteries.

Cooper repeatedly stressed the importance of encouraging and helping each other realize and overcome problems.

She referred to an instance in the Special Olympics when a young man

was winning the mile run by a large margin, but he stopped and yelled to his counterparts, "Come on."

"It was not enough for him to be a winner," Cooper said. "He wanted everyone to be a winner."

She encouraged everyone to help each other and themselves by getting involved with a physical fitness program before it is too late.

"The body is masterful at covering up its problems until it is too late," she said.

Campus Safety to feature new director, ideas

TRACY LYKINS

Managing Editor

The University welcomed a new Campus Safety director, filling a position that has been vacant for a year. Tom Dover assumed his duties on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Dover worked for six years as director of public safety in Belleville, Ill., for Belleville Area College. The college is comprised of three commuter campuses.

"I think it will be much easier to interact with the students here because on a commuter campus, the students are pressed for time, they attend classes and are in a hurry to leave," Dover said.

Prior to his work at Belleville, Dover worked at Central Missouri State University-Warrensburg as a detective for the department of public safety. He graduated from CMSU's criminal justice program in 1986.

Dover said he realizes the responsibilities Campus Safety has.

"I see our role here as goodwill ambassadors," he said. "I plan on being very service oriented as well as some of the responsibilities we are charged with—making it a safe place."

Dover complimented the campus crime task force and said, "There's an awful lot of good work here that's been done already."

Dover has some new ideas he plans on implementing soon.

"We need an ongoing training process (for the officers)," Dover said. "I'd like to see a walking patrol.... I'd like to see our officers in residence halls and I think that they can do that without imposing on anybody's rights to privacy."

According to Dover, he would like to see some crime prevention programs implemented at Northwest.

"I think making the information available to the students will take you a long way," he said.

Dover supports victims' rights and has personally experienced it when his truck was stolen and a family member's house burglarized.

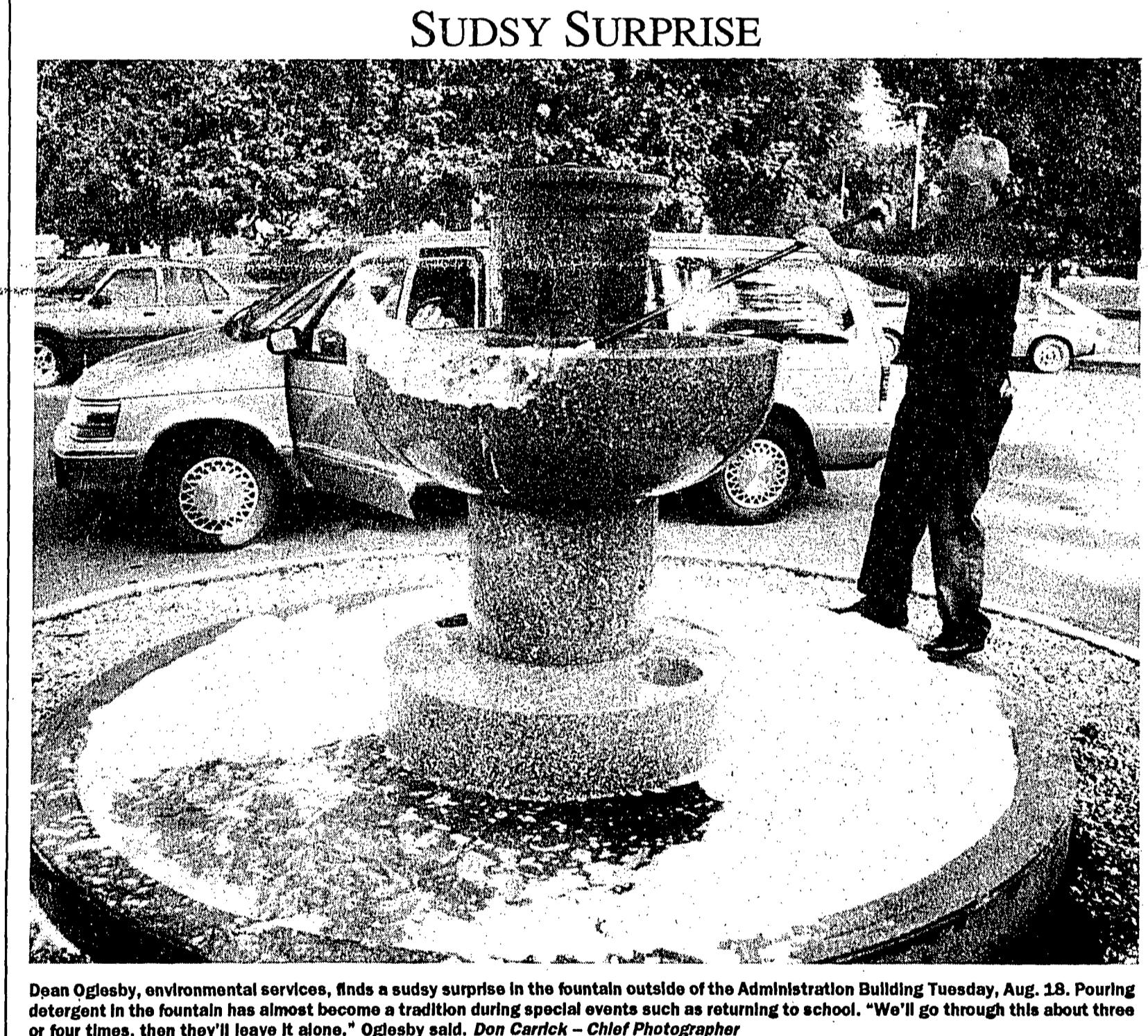
"I'm a strong victims advocate.... I think anyone who has had anything stolen from him or has been hurt is entitled to the very best we can give them."

Denise Ottlinger, dean of students, said the students seem to like Dover.

"He relates very well with the students," Ottlinger said.

"He is very service oriented and understands the role of Campus Safety to the University and the environment," she added. "He seems to be a real 'doer.'"

Lt. Basil Owens, who was serving as acting Campus Safety director, is now filling the assistant director position.



Dean Oglesby, environmental services, finds a sudsy surprise in the fountain outside of the Administration Building Tuesday, Aug. 18. Pouring detergent in the fountain has almost become a tradition during special events such as returning to school. "We'll go through this about three or four times, then they'll leave it alone," Oglesby said. Don Carrick - Chief Photographer

Pop group Color Me Badd kicks off fall Encore Performances

FALL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

► ENCORE EVENTS

- The Capitol Steps 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27
- Lyric Opera 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13
- Lend Me a Tenor 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20
- Vienna Choir Boys 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16
- Hometown Christmas 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3

► CAMPUS ENTERTAINMENT

- The Second City 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9
- Variety Show 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7
- 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8
- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9
- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17

► THE BIG SHOW

- Color Me Badd 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11
- Steven Wright 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29
- Penn & Teller 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9

All performances will take place in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center except for Color Me Badd, which will perform in Lamkin Gymnasium.

CAPs brings in comedian Steven Wright, magicians Penn and Teller for shows

TRACY LYKINS

Managing Editor

The fall events calendar is full with 19 Encore Performances. Pop group Color Me Badd kicks off the first of three "big shows" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, in Lamkin Gymnasium. The shows are sponsored by Campus Activities Programmers.

Dave Gieseke, CAPs adviser, said they decided to go with Color Me Badd for a number of reasons.

"This will probably be the last show in there (Lamkin) for a couple of years until the project is completed," Gieseke said. "Because of the construction... it is going to be virtually impossible to physically stage a show until the renovations are completed."

Gieseke added CAPs steered away

from heavy metal groups for this fall's "big show."

"We have had Bad English, we have had Meatloaf, we have had a lot of those types of groups in the past," Gieseke said. "We haven't had this type of what I would call pop group."

When it came to scheduling, Gieseke said this group was the easiest to get.

"It became easy for us to get this group because of their schedule," Gieseke said. "They're scheduled to perform Sept. 12 for the Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln."

The Indigo Girls, another possibility, were not forming their tour yet, and Boyz II Men were in limbo after their road manager was shot.

"We wanted a show we could tell

people about when they first came to campus," Gieseke said. "We played around with it for two or three weeks before we made a final decision."

Two other "big shows" will also soon be on campus. Comedian Steven Wright will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Wright is an Academy Award-winning comedian who has appeared on HBO. Gieseke described Wright as having a very "dry sense of humor" with "a lot of one liners."

He added Wright was recently in Kansas City with a new show.

"From what I've been told, Steven is 'what you see is what you get.' He's that way all the time," Gieseke said.

Magicians Penn and Teller will mystify audiences at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, in the Mary Linn Performing

see ENCORE on page 4

OUR VIEW

U.S. Government should reconsider priorities

Does the U.S. government know when to help countries in despair? One might have to question the integrity of the government especially with all of the suffering that is facing some parts of Europe and Asia. Yugoslavia is in the midst of a civil war. Prisoners are being kept in "concentration camps" and are treated like slaves. They are beaten for looking at a policeman, talk is only in whispers and very scarce for fear of being taken away to another camp, where torture will be a definite punishment. These prisoners are beginning to look like pale Ethiopians. Shouldn't we, as Americans, be concerned for the welfare of other humans? What has happened to the concept of world peace?

Ironically on the other side of Eurasia, in Iraq, American troops are practicing military war strategies and are preparing for another possible attack against Saddam Hussein. One would think it would be wise to help the prisoners of war escape to safety. Instead, our military personnel is in the desert playing war. Granted, protection is beneficial, but what about saving lives and showing some human compassion?

Dear Mr. Vice President

Dear Mr. Vice President,

I am writing in search of the eternal question: What is your role in the 1992 re-election campaign of President George Bush? With all of your confusing messages, how could an American citizen find strength in your hypocritical statements? For example, you and your wife cannot find a happy medium on the abortion issue.

What would you and your wife really do if your 13-year-old daughter became pregnant? Would there be an argument for days in which your family would decide the fate of an unborn child and your young inexperienced daughter? Not only is she scared and frightened, but she is now in the midst of familial turmoil because you cannot find a medium. If you cannot find a medium for your own flesh and blood, how can we know what to expect from you and the president?

Another issue that you are pushing is the role of traditional family values. Please answer, for me, what makes a traditional family? Is it the combination of a father and mother? A single parent who has lost a spouse? Or a single parent who has selected not to live with their spouse? Please correct me if I have misunderstood some of your comments. What I have gathered from your "Murphy Brown" motherhood situation is that an unwed mother is unfit to raise a child because of the lack of a father figure. Now let me pose a question to you: If a child has two parents, but is brought up in a home where abuse and neglect are a common occurrence, does this constitute a traditional value? I thought not.

What really counts is a home where love is the common thread in the family values. I think if you re-adjust your narrow focus, you may be able to gain the trust of the nation.

P.S. The dictionary is in the mail.

Missourian makes changes to accommodate audience

You asked for it, and we listened. In May, the *Missourian* conducted a readership survey in an attempt to get in touch with the reader. You responded very well. After tallying your many comments and suggestions, we found some commonalities. Among them: get rid of the Stroller, include more city news and jazz up entertainment.

The Stroller is one of the longest standing traditions at Northwest, probably second only to graduation. So while we didn't completely remove the Stroller from the *Missourian*, we realize its purpose has changed since its 1918 origination in the Green and White Courier, now the *Northwest Missourian*.

Today's Stroller is not the institutional challenger it once was, but has evolved into a joker and observer of campus quirks, which is fine. And we will treat it as such. It follows then, the Stroller will now be found on the entertainment page.

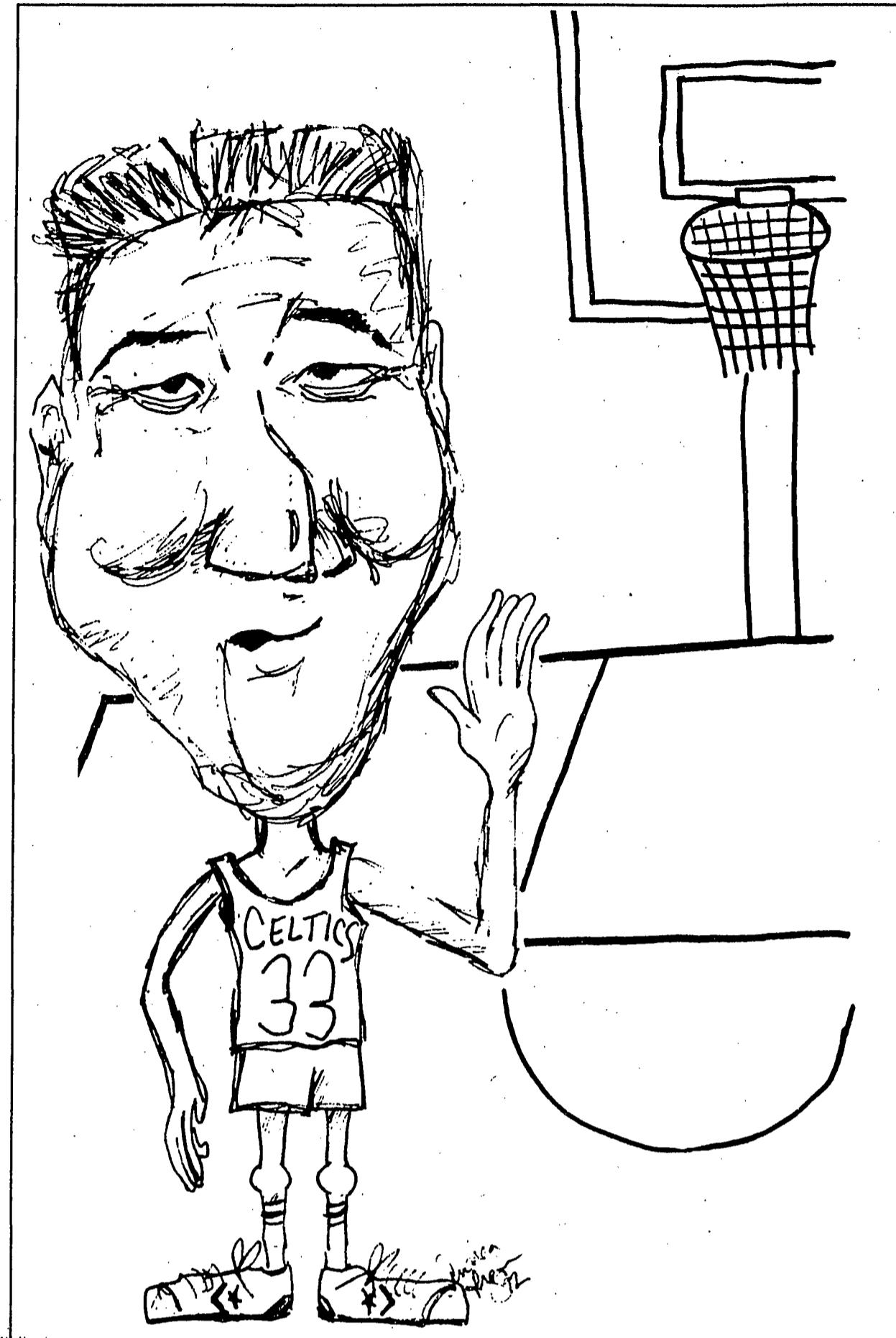
We also realize our campus was not created in a vacuum. We can't bind and seal off our lives at the edge of campus. Therefore, we will give one page of news specifically to those issues that involve this community as a whole and subsequently, each student.

One of the most exciting changes you will notice is a new column, dedicated to the student who stays on the weekend and wonders what he/she can do for entertainment. The week-



My Turn

Kathy Barnes
Editor in Chief



Awareness prevents uncomfortable situations

Anita Hill, Clarence Thomas, William Kennedy Smith, Mike Tyson, Tailhook—these names and many more occupied the headlines in the news during the past year. The topics? Sexual assault and date/acquaintance rape. While the media focused on the topic, so, too, did we at Northwest. For the first time, incidents of sexual assault and date rape were reported in record numbers. Our hope was that the incidents were not occurring in greater numbers but women were more willing to report them more often. We, as an institution, were faced with the reality that our students were not immune from becoming victims. As such, several things occurred.

Angelia Knight, counselor, continued her awareness workshops. In addition, she was instrumental in organizing a peer education group. Members of RIGHTS will be speaking to several freshman seminar classes this fall. Residents of Roberta Hall planned a Rape Awareness Week last November. Events included a Silent Walk, a panel discussion, a self-defense workshop and small group discussions on dating relationships, communication, etc.

Listed below are 11 basic safety tips for avoiding acquaintance rape. These have been provided by Knight.

attentive, inquisitive and supportive of our decision to discuss these issues with them. Bob Hall also addressed this topic in his presentation Wednesday night at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Until behaviors and trends change, we will continue to focus our efforts on this subject. There are many concerned individuals on this campus who are available to assist students who have been victims or who want to learn more about the subjects of dating relationships, communication, etc.

1. If you are asked on a blind date, suggest a double date; it is safer and you will feel more comfortable. REMEMBER, PAY YOUR OWN WAY!

2. Listen to yourself—if you feel uncomfortable in a social situation or being alone with a person, get out of that situation. Better to be embarrassed than assaulted.

3. Get to know someone well before you allow yourself to be alone with him/her. Even then, take precautions like letting friends know where you are and when you will be back. If you meet someone over electronic mail and want to meet them in person, do so in a well-populated area. Watch for and report computer and phone harassment.

8. If dating someone for the first time, discuss sexual expectations early—preferably on the first or second date. Believe in yourself and your values regarding sexual activity in relationships—most of all, have RESPECT for yourself and others.

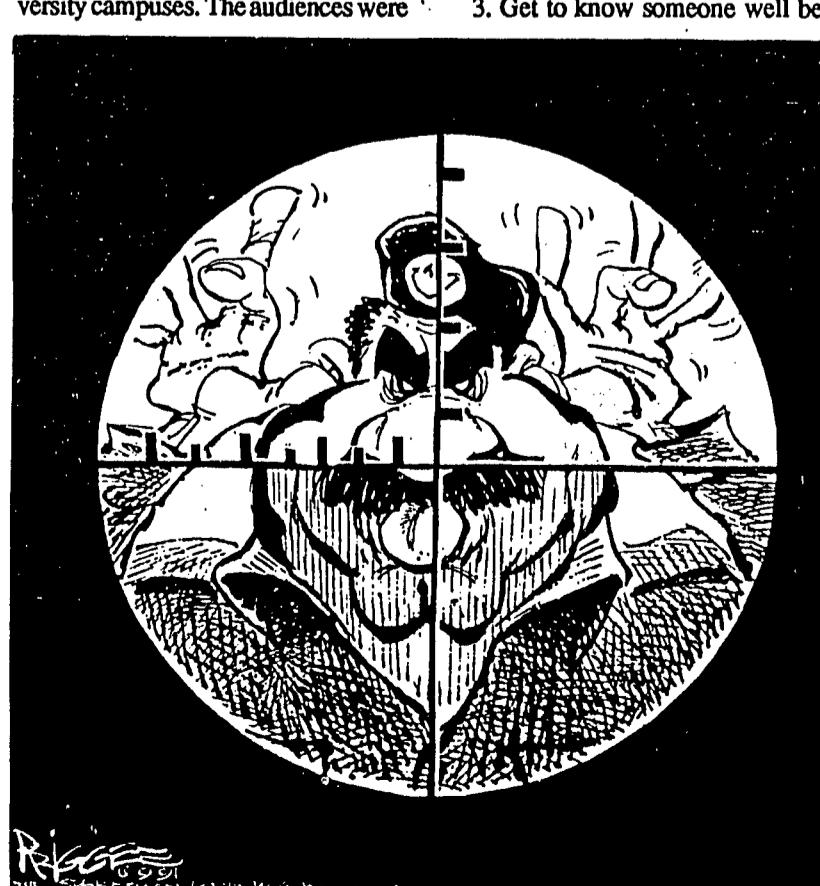
9. Always be aware of your physical location—too many times victims have become lost on campus or in town and have not been able to find help. Know the difference between north, south, east and west.

10. If an assault does occur, get help from Campus Safety, police, the hospital, the Counseling Center, your RA, your parents, the dean of students or anyone you trust.

11. DONOTPROPDOORSOPEN INTHERESIDENCE HALLS. Those locked doors are for your protection and that of others. Just because your acquaintance is nice to you, it does not mean that person will be nice to others.

Any questions? Do not hesitate to contact me: Angelia Knight, counselor, and/or Campus Safety.

Wishing you a safe and successful academic year!



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CAMPUS VOICE

What would happen during the Republican National Convention to sway public opinion?

"They need to address the issues. Tell the people exactly what they are going to do."

Jada Pankau,
freshman

"They have to show that Bill Clinton has faults also."

Kim Fortner,
junior

"There has to be a definite economic plan. They are making too big of a deal out of the abortion issue."

Kayleen Rash,
junior

"They need to quit all the cover-ups. They need to quit cutting the other party down and just lay out their facts."

Doug Swink,
junior

"Get rid of Dan Quayle."

Tim Collett,
sophomore



NEWS

SHORTS

UNIVERSITY

Hubbard returns from sabbatical: University President Dean Hubbard has been absent from school for the past three months. It was, however, an excused absence. He was taking a Board of Regents granted sabbatical leave.

During his leave, the president served as chairman for the Academic Quality Consortium Steering Committee for the American Association for Higher Education in Eureka Springs, Ark.

His duties included developing a consortium to manage quality in colleges and universities, writing articles about the Culture of Quality, sharing thoughts on applying the Baldridge award for higher education and writing an article with Northwest's attorney about reduction in force.

Hubbard returned to Northwest Monday, Aug. 17, to a busy schedule of appointments and meetings.



Hubbard

Handicapped parking added: In order to meet federal handicapped parking guidelines and to make enough space for a fire truck to enter the lot when it is full, a new driveway and sidewalk to Colden Hall from Fourth Street has been laid over the summer.

The only vehicles with permitted access to the lot are service vehicles and those marked by handicapped parking permits. A \$50 fine will be handed out to those parking in a handicapped zone or fire lane.

Cheerleading positions open: Northwest's varsity cheerleading squad has unexpectedly been left with three male positions to fill for the 1992-93 year.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 24, from 5:30-7 p.m. in Martindale Gymnasium, those interested may begin cheerleading practices in order to familiarize themselves with routines and to prepare for tryouts.

Contact Cherine Heckman, cheerleading sponsor, at extension 1562 for additional information.

MARYVILLE

Mozingo compost pile may close: The Mozingo compost pile, which is run by the city of Maryville, is in danger of being closed. The area is available for those who want to dispose of decomposable yard waste such as grass and leaves. The compost pile, however, has been abused by people who are using it as an open dump.

The Department of Natural Resources governs landfills and can inspect the compost pile at any time and close it if it does not meet regulations. (*Maryville Daily Forum*)



Members of Wilmes Construction cement a sidewalk outside of Franken Hall. During the summer, construction crews were busy building a new walkway to Colden Hall, a new parking lot behind the Valk Technology Building and various other sidewalks and roadways. *Don Carrick - Chief Photographer*

STATE

Former Rolla students to be tried: Four former University of Missouri-Rolla students will be tried for involuntary manslaughter. They are accused of encouraging a fellow student to drink himself to death and will be arraigned on Sept. 10.

Phelps County Judge Mary Sheffield said there is enough

evidence to try Eric Boyer, 22, of St. Louis; Steven Hunt, 22, of Cairo; Kenneth Smiley, 27, of Shell Knob; and Russell Buscher, 22, of Rolla.

The four men allegedly encouraged Michael Nisbet, 28, of Vinita Park, to drink himself to death during an initiation party to plan for the St. Patrick's Day celebration on the Rolla campus. (*Kansas City Star*)

Constitutional amendment proposed: An amendment proposed to the Missouri Constitution would entitle crime victims to restitution and information about court proceedings and release dates of offenders.

Services provided to crime victims would include: travel arrangements and expenses, companionship and support referrals, babysitting and a private waiting room in the courthouse.

The amendment will appear on ballots Nov. 3. (*Kansas City Star*)

NATION

Reagan endorses Bush: The Republican National Convention began Monday, Aug. 17, where a fired-up President Bush ridiculed the self-proclaimed "comeback kid," Bill Clinton.

Former President Ronald Reagan offered his endorsement of his former running mate in his address to the GOP convention. While Reagan strongly endorsed Bush, he did not give the ringing praise the Bush camp had hoped to receive. (*USA Today*)

WORLD

Shelling continues in Sarajevo: Death and terror were brought to Sarajevo during a shelling Monday, Aug. 17. At least eight people were reported dead after the shelling. Mortar fire set the Hotel Europe, which housed 1,500 refugees from Bosnian fighting, ablaze.

United Nations refugee officials sent 46 tons of food and medicine into the besieged Bosnian town of Gorazde, and 23 tons of aid into Sarajevo. (*USA Today*)

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday, Aug. 20

3 p.m. Late verification begins in the Registrar's Office on the second floor of the Administration Building.

5:30 p.m. Night registration will begin in the Registrar's Office.

7:30 p.m. CAPs will present "Wayne's World" in MLPAC. Tickets are \$2 at the door.

Late registration begins in the Registrar's Office.

Add and drop begins in the Registrar's Office.

Petitions to supersede a class are due in the Graduate or Registrar's Office.

Fraternity Rush sign up begins at the Union Information Desk.

Friday, Aug. 21

5:30 p.m. Night registration will begin in the Registrar's Office.

7:30 p.m. CAPs will present "Wayne's World" in MLPAC. Tickets are \$2 at the door.

Saturday, Aug. 22

10 a.m. Panhellenic Rush Orientation Tea will be held in the Union Ballroom.

4:30 p.m. Panhellenic Rush Presentations will be held on the third floor of the Union.

7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce will host Casino Night at the Conference Center.

Sunday, Aug. 23

9 a.m. Creative Expression of the Gospel will be held in Charles Johnson Theater.

Noon Panhellenic Rush Presentations will be held on the third floor of the Union.

6 p.m. A free Dollar Supper will be held at the Lutheran Campus Center.

Monday, Aug. 24

4 p.m. Homecoming '92 meeting will be held in Colden Hall 228.

5 p.m. Panhellenic Rush Presentations will be held on the third floor of the Union.

5:30 p.m. Cheerleader tryouts will begin in Martindale Gymnasium.

Last day to add first block classes in the Registrar's Office.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

5 p.m. Panhellenic Rush Presentations will be held in the Roberta Chapter Room.

5:30 p.m. Night registration will be held in the Registrar's Office.

7 p.m. Student Senate meeting will be held in the University Club North.

Student Payday at the Student Services Center.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

Noon Panhellenic Rush pick up bids at the Union Information Desk.

Noon Fraternity Rush Association Member Orientation will be held in the Union Ballroom.

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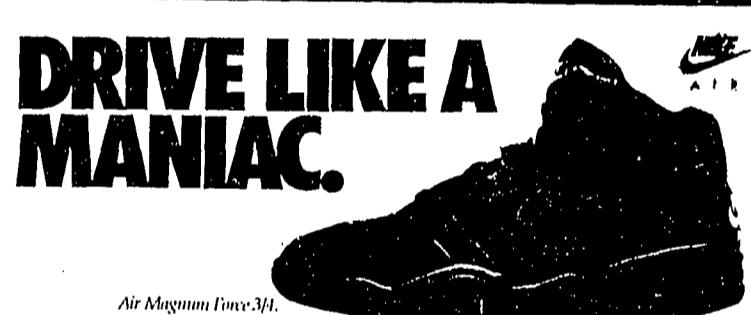


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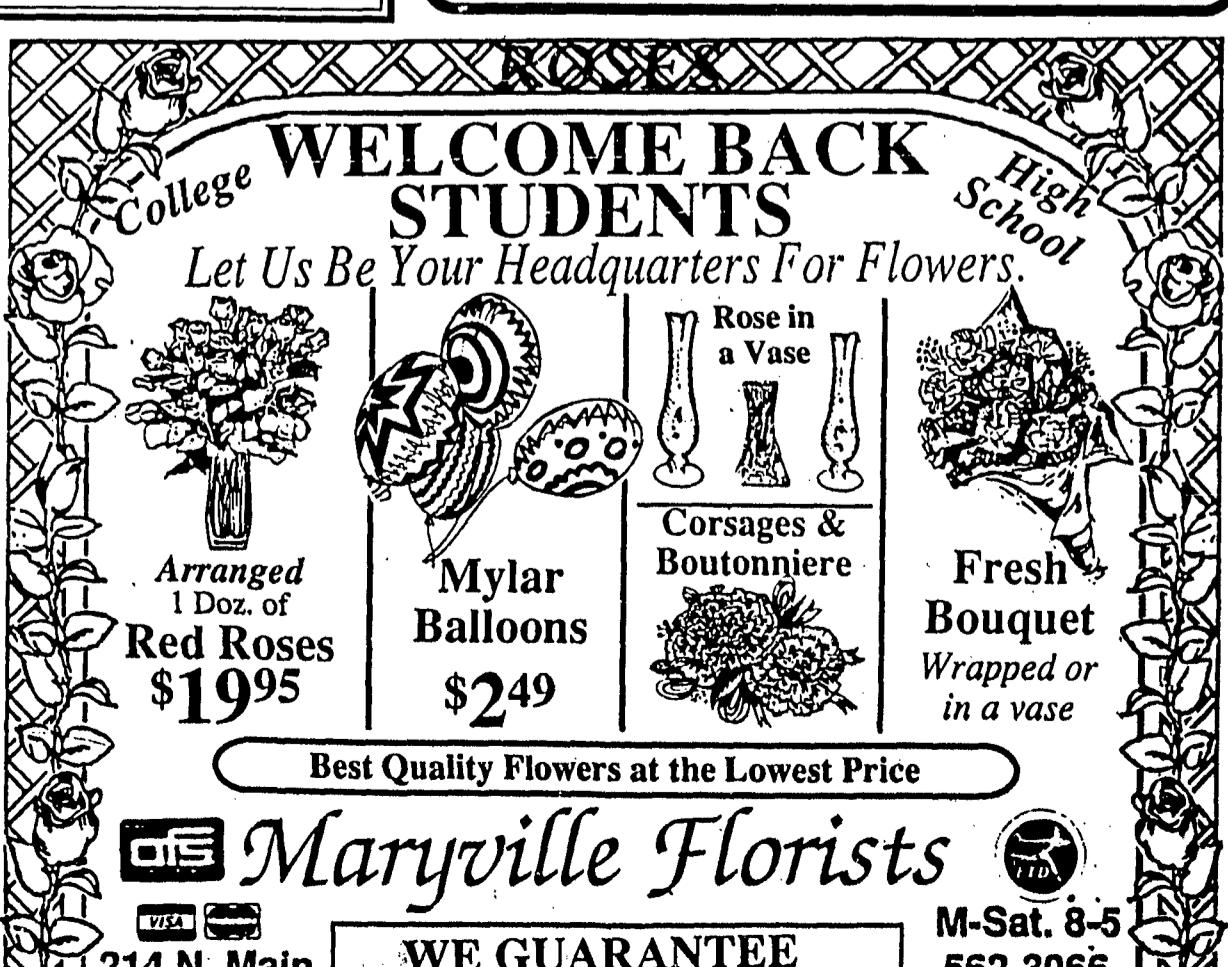


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Brandon Misener, Travis Stuckey and Chris Hagan of KDLX, the campus radio station, lob Domino's cups into the crowd at the dance held Monday, Aug. 17, at the Tundra. KDLX used the dance to kick off another year on the air with a live remote. **Don Carrick - Chief Photographer**

Rape charges withdrawn

STEVEN WOOLFOLK
Associate Editor

Michael Madrigal, former Northwest student accused by two women of rape and felony sexual abuse, saw the charges dropped this summer two days prior to the scheduled beginning of his trial.

Madrigal had entered a not guilty plea to three counts of rape and two counts of felony sexual assault.

During the preliminary hearing the first alleged victim testified she met Madrigal at a party on Aug. 16 and went with him to a bar later that evening.

She testified that after riding around the campus, Madrigal took her to an apartment on Eighth Street and forced her to engage in sexual activity.

The second alleged victim said Madrigal used force twice to engage her in sexual activity. She said both incidents occurred in KDLX production studios on campus.

The Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney's Office withdrew the charges through a nolle prosequi, which, according to Roger Prokes, Madrigal's

attorney, allows the prosecutor to refile charges for up to three years.

According to Prokes, while Madrigal was happy to see the charges dropped, they were prepared to go to trial.

"I do know we were ready for trial and we were going to contest it all the way," Prokes said. "There was definitely sexual contact, we never denied that. But, was there consent?"

According to Prokes, Angelia Knight, counselor, played a role in getting the girls to go to the police.

"There was no question it was the counselor at the school who got them together and got them to go to the police," Prokes said.

But Knight said she does not make decisions for her clients.

"Whenever someone comes in, we give them all the options, but they do whatever they decide," Knight said. "Those girls obviously decided to prosecute."

Prokes added he believed Madrigal would have won his case even though the system seemed to work against him.

will be back for an encore performance at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. The popular group entertained a crowd of over 200 at Northwest in the spring of 1992.

Tickets go on sale for all performances Monday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center in the Student Union and from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Box Office.

"It's really a theater show," Gieseke said.

Comedy group "The Second City"

Encore

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Arts Center.

The duo, who has appeared on "Late Night With David Letterman," is currently on its third national tour. Gieseke said the hit broadway show consists of the couple, one who does not speak, doing magic tricks and then showing the audience how it is done.

"It's really a theater show," Gieseke said.

Comedy group "The Second City"

Changes

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Solheim and Sue Trowbridge.

Additional appointments approved include: David Anderson, athletics groundsman; Sheri Christian, custodian; Lori Combs, Upward Bound English tutor; Chris Eatock, custodian; Vickie Harrington, custodian; and Elizabeth Simpson, custodian.

The Regent also approved the resignations of 18 faculty and staff members. Dr. Terry Barnes, assistant vice

president for academic affairs, has been named to the position of vice president for instruction at Westark College in Fort Smith, Ark.

Other resignations include: Ben Birchfield, assistant dean of students; Mary Brenner, Culture of Quality administrative secretary; Sandra Brown and Webster Struthers, instructors of mass communication; Billy Dudley, trash truck driver; Helen Fine, Christopher LaMaster, Niran Romick and Gene Roof, custodians; Kyleen

Hawkins, assistant professor of accounting and finance; Roberta Mack, residential life coordinator; Clifford Mills, construction worker; Heather Phillip and Terry Whitehill, admissions representatives; Karl Sievers, instructor of music; Alice Starke, College of Education part-time secretary; and Kelly Wright, instructor of speech.

According to Denise Ottinger, dean of students, the assistant dean of students position was reorganized after Ben Birchfield resigned.

"An ad was placed as director of multi-cultural affairs," Ottinger said. "He will work with African American students, students of color and international students."

Retirements approved by the Regents were: Barbara Bernard, associate professor of health; Bob Brown, associate professor of economics; Dr. Mervin Betti, associate professor of agriculture; Lois Jean Keever, Admissions Office word processing clerk; and Herman Sticklen, set-up custodian.

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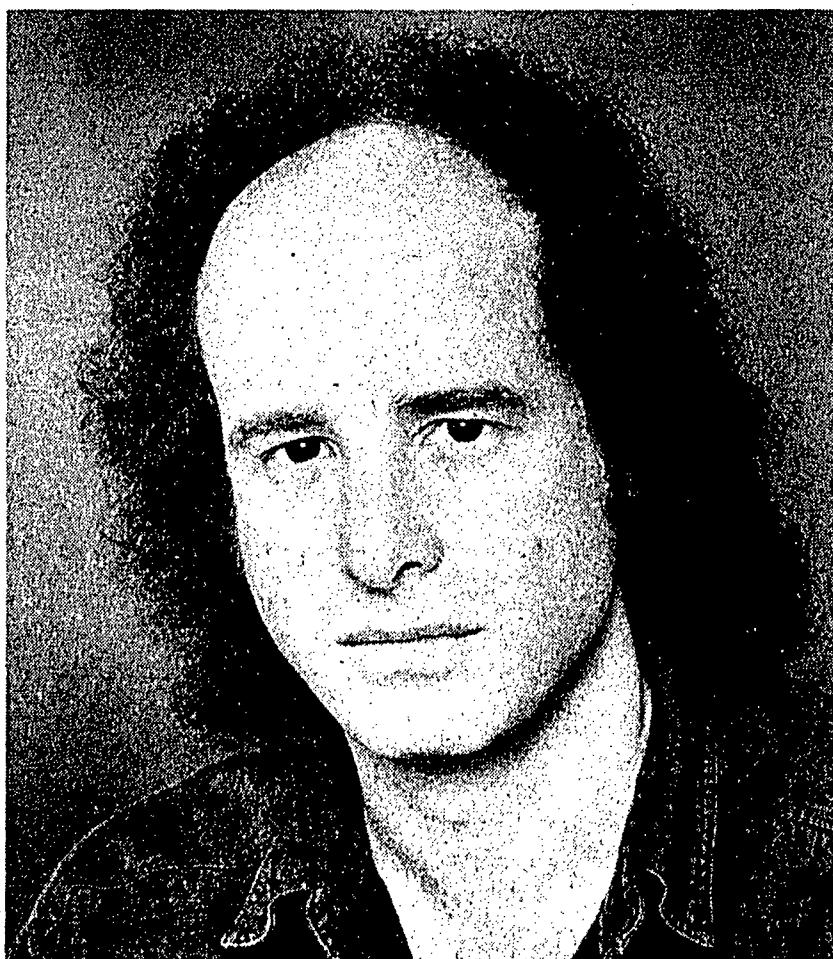
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Missouri Western	34 points
University Mo.-Rolla	33 points
Washburn University	17 points

Upcoming Games

Sept. 5	Northwest vs. Central State Okla.
Sept. 12	Northwest vs. Mankato State
Sept. 19	Northwest vs. Univ. Missouri-Rolla
Sept. 26	Northwest at Washburn
Oct. 3	Northwest vs. Pittsburg State
Oct. 10	Northwest vs. Central Mo. State
Oct. 17	Northwest at N.E. Mo. State Univ.
Oct. 24	Northwest vs. Mo. Western
Oct. 31	Northwest at Mo. Southern
Nov. 7	Northwest vs. Emporia State
Nov. 14	Northwest at Baptist

VOLLEYBALL

Upcoming Games

Sept. 2	Northwest vs. Missouri Western
Sept. 8	Northwest vs. Coll. of St. Mary's
Sept. 11-12	Invitational at Emporia State
Sept. 15	Northwest vs. Peru State
Sept. 18-19	MIAA Round Robin at Central Mo.
Sept. 22	at Benedictine College
Sept. 25-26	at Peru State
Oct. 2-3	Invitational at Missouri Western
Oct. 12	at Coll. of St. Mary
Oct. 16-17	MIAA Round Robin II at St. Louis Oct. 21
Northwest vs. Benedictine College	
Oct. 23-24	Northwest Tournament
Oct. 27	Northwest vs. Graceland
Oct. 31	at Drury College
Nov. 4	at Missouri Western
Nov. 15-16	MIAA Championship Tournament in Emporia, Kan.

CROSS COUNTRY

Upcoming Invitationals

Sept. 12	William Jewell Invitational
Sept. 19	Maple Leaf Invitational
Sept. 26	Highland Jr. College Invitational
Oct. 3	Cavalier Cup Invitational
Oct. 10	Wayne State Invitational
Oct. 24	Bearcat Distance Classic
Oct. 24	MIAA Championships
Nov. 7	GL Regional Championships
Nov. 21	NCAA Division II Championships

HONORS

John Washington, a former Bearcat backup defensive back and a member of the specialty team, has been selected to be a participant in the 1992 Minority Leaders Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C., during the fall semester. There are 22 national corporations who are sponsoring the program.

Washington said that during the fall semester he will be working in a leadership training capacity with one of the sponsoring corporations as well as taking a university-level academic course in community leadership. (Maryville Daily Forum)

"QUOTABLE"

"The Astros play in a vast stadium known as the Astrodome, but the problem is, they field a half-vast team."

-Kurt Bevacqua
San Diego Padres Infielder



The Northwest Bearcat football team has begun training for the 1992 season which starts Sept. 5 against the University of Central Oklahoma. The 'Cats have been practicing twice a day since Aug. 11. Don Carrick - Chief Photographer

Elliott has high expectations for injury-free football season

TERESA HOBBS

Associate Editor

The cool days of August have been a relief for the 1992-93 Northwest football team, who began practice on Aug. 11.

With last year's improved record 5-6 under their belt, Bearcat football head coach Bud Elliott hopes the team will continue to work on their record.

Last year's football team had gotten off on an awfully good start – and we really got hurt by some key injuries five games into the season – and it hurt us the last part of the season," Elliott said. "I thought we still continued to play the teams real tough, and we've got a majority of those players back."

Providing the 'Cats can remain injury free, Elliott would like to see the team place in one of the top three conference seeds.

"Our expectations are fairly high. We would like to see ourselves in a

battle for the top three spots of the conference," he said.

With the loss of two starting quarterbacks and three starting linebackers Elliott was still pleased with the performance of last year's team; he believes this year's team is more athletic than previous years.

"I think that right now we are probably a faster football team than we've ever been and we are a stronger football team that we've ever been," Elliott said. "And we're still fairly experienced."

Pittsburg State University, which is ranked No. 1 in the MIAA Sports Information Directors Football poll, will be a tough school for the 'Cats, but most of the remaining teams will be evenly matched for the football team.

"After you get by Pittsburg State there are some pretty evenly matched football teams right now," according to Elliott. "I think Central Missouri is

going to be real good, Northeast Missouri will be real good and Missouri Southern will be real tough, but I think we can play with those people if we stay injury free."

The 'Cats have approximately eight offensive and eight defensive returning starters.

The defensive string is much stronger than last year, but they are lacking a quarterback. The team does have some prospective players they are looking at.

"We're still a little bit of an unknown quantity at the quarterback spot," according to Elliott. "We do have Bunk Luster back who started the last half of the season for us. Obviously, we feel like we need to be better there so that is why we moved Joseph Johnson from running back, over there. It has created quite a battle, we just hope one of them emerges as a championship caliber quarterback."

Elliott believes that this team is the best defensive team Northwest has had since he began coaching the 'Cats.

"I think that another strength is the fact that I really believe that this is the best defensive group that we have had since our staff has been here so we're pretty excited about that," he said.

With so many runningbacks the football team has a possibility to rank statistically. Especially with teammates

Reggie St. Romain and Jason Krone who will be backed up by Brian Lewis, Michael Ford and newcomer James Dixon.

"I really believe that as a rushing football team we should be one of the top teams in the country as far as rushing stats are concerned," Elliott said.

The defensive string is much stronger than last year, but they are lacking a quarterback. The team does have some prospective players they are looking at.

"The best expectation is to win every game," junior offensive halfback Jason Krone said.

"If we play our best every game and get deep, that's something we can live with. If we lose, but not play our best, then that's something we don't need," he added.

The Bearcats will kick off their football season at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, by hosting the University of Central Oklahoma. This will be one of the seven games the 'Cats will be hosting, even though they seem to play better on the road.

"Realistically, though, we need to take a good look at that because we have not performed very well at home the last two years," he commented.

"We've played better on the road than we have at home and here we are with seven home football games, so that better change in a hurry."

Coach Chor stresses basic approach, new attitude

BILL HACKETT

Chief Reporter

New faces, ideas and a system best describes the 1992-93 Bearcat baseball team. Steve Chor has been named the new Bearcat head coach replacing Jim Johnson who had been at the helm for 11 years. Chor is familiar with the system as he was Johnson's assistant for two years as well as being a member of the Northwest squad for three.

"We are going to take a simpler, more enjoyable approach to the game this season," Chor said. "Improving basic playing skills while enjoying the game at the same time is what we want."

After a sporadic campaign on the mound last season, pitching coach Al Dyer spent the off season finding new talent to enhance the staff. Among Dyers recruits are junior college transfers Matt McCall, Miles Albright, Jeff Stein and Ron Taylor.

Rounding out the returning 'Cats are seniors Darren Graham (3-5), Bryan Boydston (0-3), junior Chad Hart (1-1) and sophomore John Geocken (0-1).

"With the new junior college transfers they should be able to bring strength and consistency to the program," Dyer said. "Graham has the most experience of the returners. I think Geocken, Boydston and Hart are prepared to contribute."

Defensively, the 'Cats are very young and several key positions have been abandoned for newcomers to fill. Newcomers David Hobbs and Blake Watson are vying for an opening at first base.

Senior Rob Lamke is up the middle along with junior Manny Gonzalez and sophomore Jeff Moser.

Sophomore Dave Wahlert is returning at third base and juniors Brian Davis and Cory Daggett are back behind the plate. Senior Guy Berkampas is the only veteran returning to outfield but sophomore Brian Tripp, junior Greg Mefford and a host of others will vie for the open spots.

"Defensively we've talked about getting back to the basics because we've been so complex in the past," assistant coach Jody Jefferies said, "concentrate more on the basic fundamental skills to different types of plays."

Chor added, "Making the routine play, building on it until the great play becomes routine."

According to Dyer, offensively the 'Cats have filled numerous voids that occurred with graduation of the five leading hitters in Curtis Landherr, Paul Markovich, Rick Barthol, Bryan Wandry and Dave Sveha. Davis (.224) and Lamke (.297) will be needed to carry some of the load until new recruits Gonzalez, Watson, Mefford and Tripp get accustomed to the system.

"We want to get a lot of runners in motion and find the gap with the ball," assistant coach Scott Bachman said. "The things we need to do are put the defense on their toes and make things happen by moving people around."

The 'Cats look for Emporia State, Missouri Southern and Central Missouri State to be formidable opponents on a schedule of over 50 games. The fall season will consist of four games against area junior colleges.

According to Chor the games are basically tune-up games for the players so they can get used to the system. They also serve as a recruiting tool because opposing players are able to see what Northwest has to offer, and the Northwest coaching staff is able to scout potential players for the future.

Northwest ended last season by advancing to the conference tournament where they were defeated by Missouri Southern, who was ranked second in the nation. The Bearcats overall record in the tournament was 1-2 and 18-22 on the season.

Tillison scores in second preseason Lion's game

PLAYER WATCH



JASON KRONE

Krone, junior offensive halfback, made 3rd team All Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association pick last season when he averaged 65.4 yards a game and a 6.5 yards per carry. He had seven touchdowns last season.

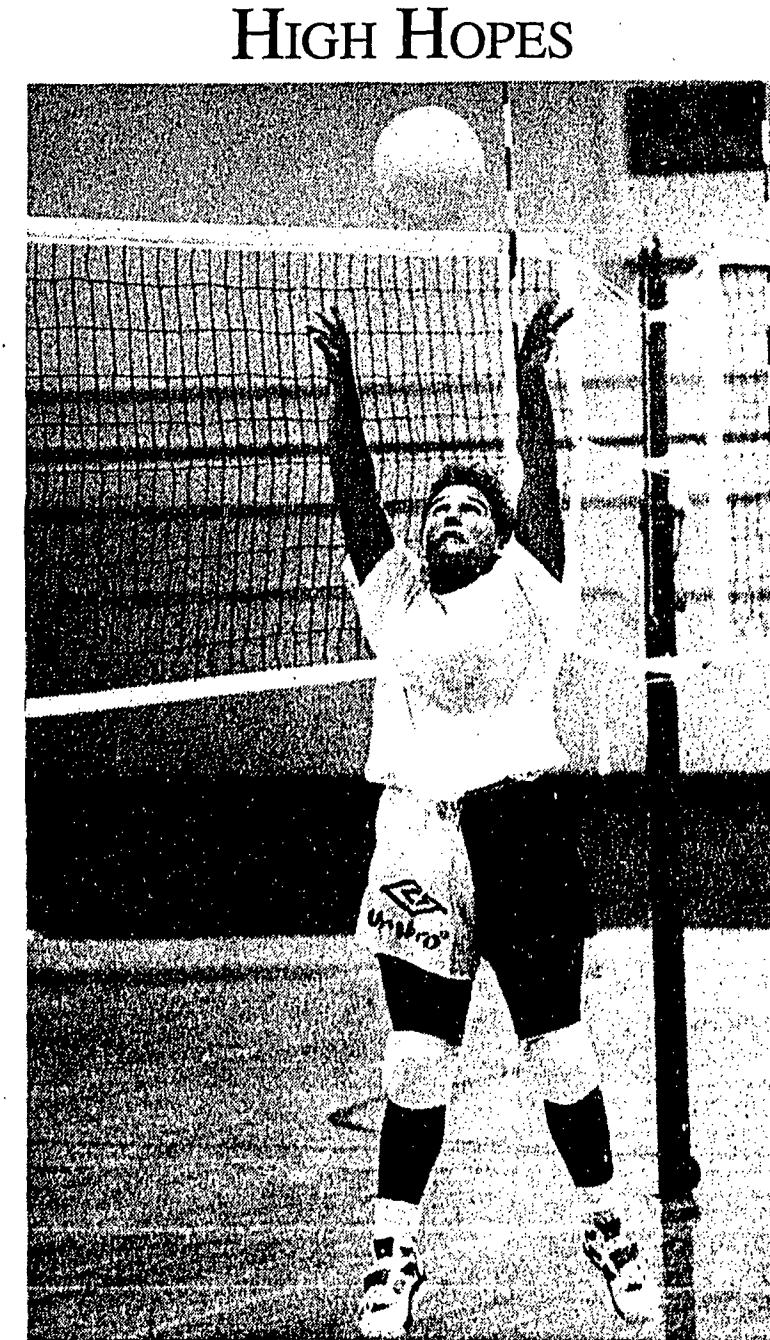
"To do what the team needs me to do, to play my role as the team needs it," Krone said concerning his team leadership. "It doesn't mean scoring a certain amount of touchdowns or rushing for a certain number of yards, but for playing my part for the team."

adding Tillison would have to be encouraged from his play against the Bills.

Tillison has been playing with All-Pro running back Barry Sanders, the NFC's second leading rusher last season with 1,548 yards. Going into training camp, the Lions lacked productive backs other than Sanders. Quarterback Rodney Peete was Detroit's second leading rusher last season. The Lions won the NFC Central last year with a 12-4 record and played in the NFC Championship game. Detroit lost that game, 41-10, to the eventual Super Bowl champion, the Washington Redskins. It was Detroit's first playoff appearance since 1983.

Tillison rushed for 3,456 yards and 24 touchdowns at Northwest from 1987-91.

The Lions host the New England Patriots Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Pontiac Silverdome.



The Northwest volleyball team began their rigorous nine-hours-a-day training on Thursday, Aug. 13. Six returning players, seven freshmen and two transfer students make up the young team. Head coach Sarah Pelster expects the team "to be competitive within their conference." Don Carrick - Chief Photographer



Tillison

On the Agenda

WEEKEND PLANNER

Check out movie information and any other entertainment opportunities to fill up your weekends. **page B-2**

SAY WHAT?

Who in Hollywood would give themselves a haircut with sheep shears? Who would pay \$93,500 for a baseball? Find out inside. **page B-3**

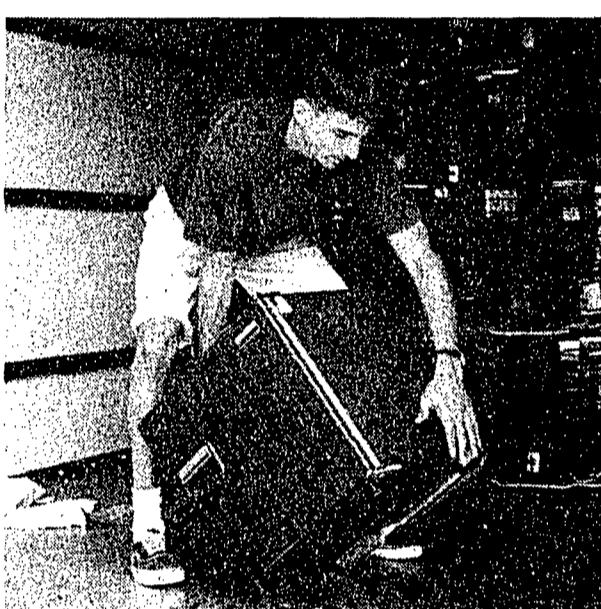
CAMPUS LIFE

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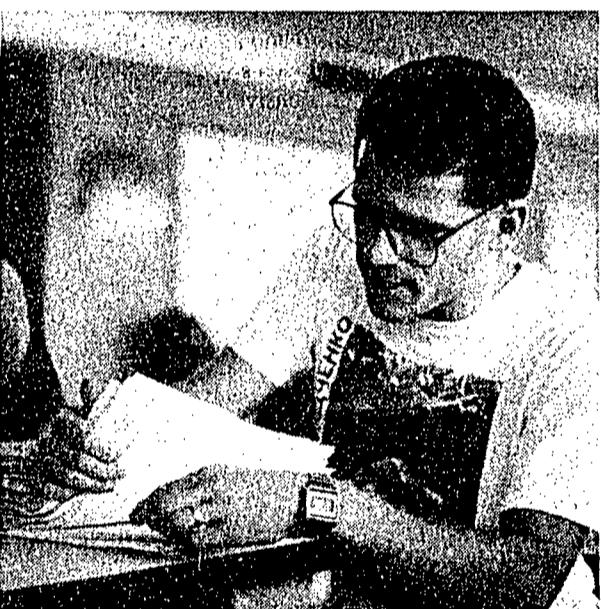
Section B



Stephanie Taylor paints the Bearcat paw on the hand of Joline Mosser during Freshman Orientation. **Jack Vaught - Photo Director**



Bob Davis loads refrigerators into a U-Haul on Aug. 15 to be delivered to students around campus. **Jack Vaught - Photo Director**



Scott Wilmarth shuffles through a stack of forms during student verification on Tuesday, Aug. 18. **Jack Vaught - Photo Director**



After traveling from Omaha, Glen Suhr still has to build a loft for his daughter, Corrie, Saturday afternoon while her boyfriend, Brian Hahn, looks on. **Don Carrick - Chief Photographer**



Student Ambassadors Tricia Tinsley and Lorree Sheldon stack some of the 1,400 packets given to freshmen during Advantage '92. **Don Carrick - Chief Photographer**



Larry and Genie Snuggs help their daughter, Christy, move from her home in Lacona, Iowa, to her new home in Hudson Hall. Christy has wanted to go to school at Northwest for the past few years, "and it offers the most for your money," her father added. **Don Carrick - Chief Photographer**

► Freshmen get first taste of freedom while

MOVING IN

August can signify many things: the end of summer for some, the beginning of school for others. But for Northwest freshmen last weekend, it meant only one thing — cutting ties and moving in.

Both students and parents packed trucks and vans, some in smaller economy cars with baggage tied to the top, and ventured to Maryville to discover the state's hidden treasure, Northwest Missouri State University.

Student Ambassadors, resident assistants and peer advisers surrounded campus with an endless supply of banners and smiling faces to welcome the first-time students on campus.

For many students, it was a day they will always remember.

"I met so many friendly people all at once," freshman Dennis Ester said. "Everybody was just super nice and willing to help me out."

Many students were at a loss for which road to follow, but that was quickly remedied with the help of peer advisers and Student Ambassadors stationed to give directions at the entrance of campus.

"Some thought they knew where they were going," Ambassador Kym Mahoney said. "But one person that

drove past us ended up back out on Fourth Street after turning left in front of the Mable Cook house.

"Most of the parents that stopped were stressed out asking things like, 'Where do we go? What do we do? Where do we park?' but we kept it running smoothly," Mahoney said.

While some were indeed lost, others had their game plan all mapped out. Returning parents were more comfortable with their familiarity of the campus.

"This is our second kid so we've been here before and we know our way around," David Wolfe, freshman Stefanie Wolfe's father, said.

For many students, moving day was little more than unpacking clothes and toiletries. For others, it was the first of many tasks beginning the week of Advantage '92.

Some students thought a personal touch would be good for their new rooms. So they sought change, a decision proving frustrating for some.

"Painting was awful," freshman Corrie Suhr said. "The paint that they gave us was too thin."

Her boyfriend Brian Hahn agreed. "We put on five coats and the paint was still showing through."

Other options were loft beds, which would allow for more living area. But even those were a challenge to

construct during the humid afternoon.

The recent change in Highway 71 has reduced four narrow lanes of traffic to two. But that didn't appear to be a problem considering the large numbers that flooded the community.

"I got into town around 12:30 p.m. and the traffic wasn't bad," Tamara Scott said. "But then I haven't been around town too much yet."

But Maryville's roads weren't silent by any means. After all the thought that went into packing, many basic items were overlooked. Students visited grocery, convenience and variety stores, scurrying for last minute supplies. One student, in fact, was especially thankful for Wal-Mart.

"I've been here before, and I'm glad there is a Wal-Mart," Suhr said. "I love Wal-Mart!"

Parents always play a role in change during their child's life. On moving day, however, two of Northwest's approximately 1,200 freshmen said their folks got on their nerves.

Freshmen roommates Angie Orr and Christine Johnson, both of Independence, Mo., were anxious for a taste of freedom. They cited, specifically, loss of patience with their parents as a major problem.

"The parents were trying to help too much," Johnson said.

Orr, an elementary education major, felt the same by midday Saturday.

"I was just trying to get my parents away," she said.

However some parents were very much a part of their student's moving day, giving that last bit of direction or advice before parting.

Attention turned at the end of the day to sad departures and new beginnings.

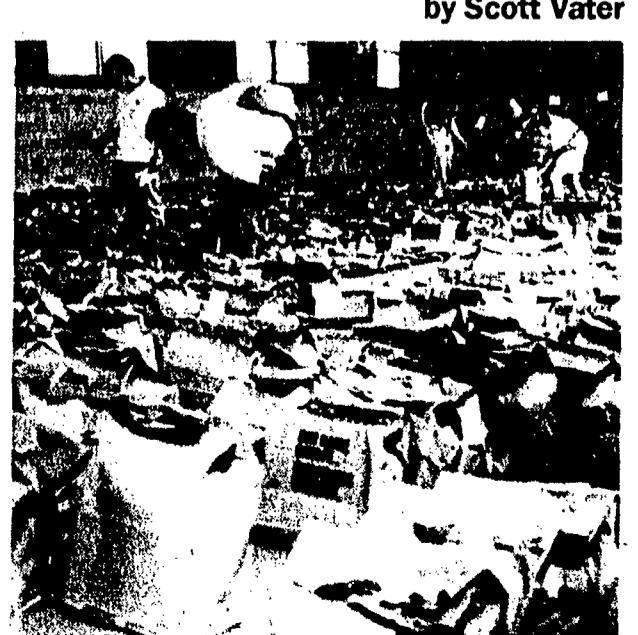
"My boyfriend is going to the Kansas City Art Institute, so we won't see each other every weekend or anything like that," Suhr said. "But we're dealing with it and I think we'll be okay."

Drawbacks can on occasion plague a new beginning, but apparent excitement took front seat to despair. For many freshmen, moving day was the beginning of a life, that for many freshmen, will never be the same.

by Scott Vater



Ron Hart and Wendy Hart load needed supplies purchased from an area business. Students found it necessary to make trips to local stores to replace items forgotten in the move from home to school. **Jack Vaught - Photo Director**



Students search through a sea of paper bags in Brown Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 18, to find their books for the fall semester. **Don Carrick - Chief Photographer**

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, August 20, 1992

WEEKEND PLANNER

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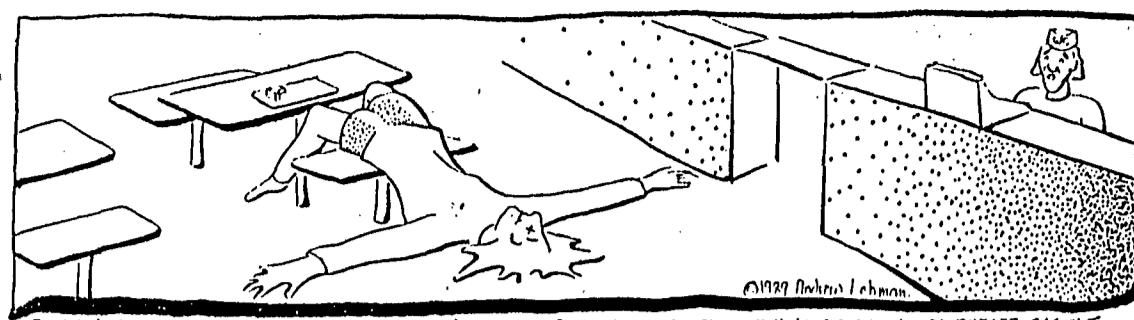
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Your Man welcomes freshmen, upperclassmen back to campus

Your Man has had a rough summer: quiet nights and empty pockets. In a word I guess you could say it was pretty darn boring. Even the 'Ville, with its wild and crazy night life (sigh of sarcasm), has me perked for another semester.

So while the sun sets on those poverty stricken, quiet nights of summer, the smell of teen spirit has filled the air on campus. And you and I both know what that means - freshmen! Young women looking to establish themselves in the frat circles and young men dying to get into those circles with the women. All of them drinking themselves blind and trying to invent a new cure for the dreaded hangover.

The new freshmen and transfer students certainly have given the campus a new look, but I, along with the core of returning upperclassmen, am in absolute awe at one thing - the parking lots are done. Imagine, after only 12 short months (365 short days) the giant kitty litter box behind the Valk has been paved. A quick pinch to the under arm and I know I'm not dreaming!

Now, to dole out the \$45 for my sticker - a mere down payment on my tab at Campus Safety. One day my

name may appear in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest recorded number of unpaid parking tickets.

While we're discussing traffic options, I'd like to meet the engineering school dropout who decided to cut the main strip on the south end of town from four lanes to two with a turning lane to share. Apparently consideration was not given for those few times when Maryville's population booms, such as every Friday as 6,000 students stampede Highway 71 on their way home.

For example, just this week at 2 p.m. the roads were backed up to Country Kitchen. It's one of the great mysteries of the world, second only to the pyramids. I know why you would try to get out of town, but why would you wait to get in town?

On a different note, surviving a week of giddy freshmen and watching the week's activities unfold, Your Inquisitor has made an observation of

philosophical proportion: very few things change as the years go by.

For example, the fountain will get soaped few more times this fall. Freshmen will gain 15 pounds (and I hear the national average for hippage is increasing). Tuition will go up annually. And every freshman will try to act like they don't stick out, but unfortunately, will.

One specific instance stands out in my mind. I was walking into the Administration Building this week when this little Bambi with perfect hair, makeup and outfitting looked up from her shoes and mumbled an insecure "hello."

Being the hunk I am, I gave a cocky grin. But looking back, I recalled how I felt moving into a cramped, roach-ridden residence hall as a freshman. I was somewhat insecure and wanted desperately to fit in.

It was the beginning of a new life with new friends and new challenges. I bounced my first check, suffered my first three-day hangover and flunked Calculus I.

So, to the freshmen, welcome to college. Enjoy this experience. After all, you're paying for it!



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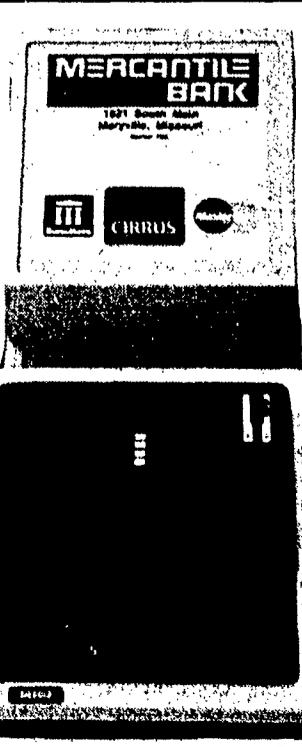
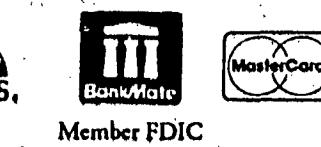
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ENTERTAINMENT

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CLEAN CUT? Clint Eastwood went all out during the filming of his new Western movie, "The Unforgiven." In order to make his haircut look authentic, he cut it with sheep shears.

BIG BUCKS Charlie Sheen reportedly paid \$93,500 for the baseball that rolled between Bill Buckner's legs during Game 6 of the 1986 World Series. The error gave the Mets the win in the overall series. However, some people are now saying that it's not the real McCoy.

WEDDING BELLS Former front man for The Police, Sting, will wed his sweetheart of 10 years in August. Trudie Styler and Sting already have three children.



ZOO TV U2 sold out the 55,000 seats in Giants Stadium for their upcoming show. Their Zoo TV stadium tour is being called one of the year's most successful. It features a fleet of decorated cars and 36 big TV monitors.

IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES Mick Jagger and wife Jerry Hall have separated due to Mick's supposed infidelities.

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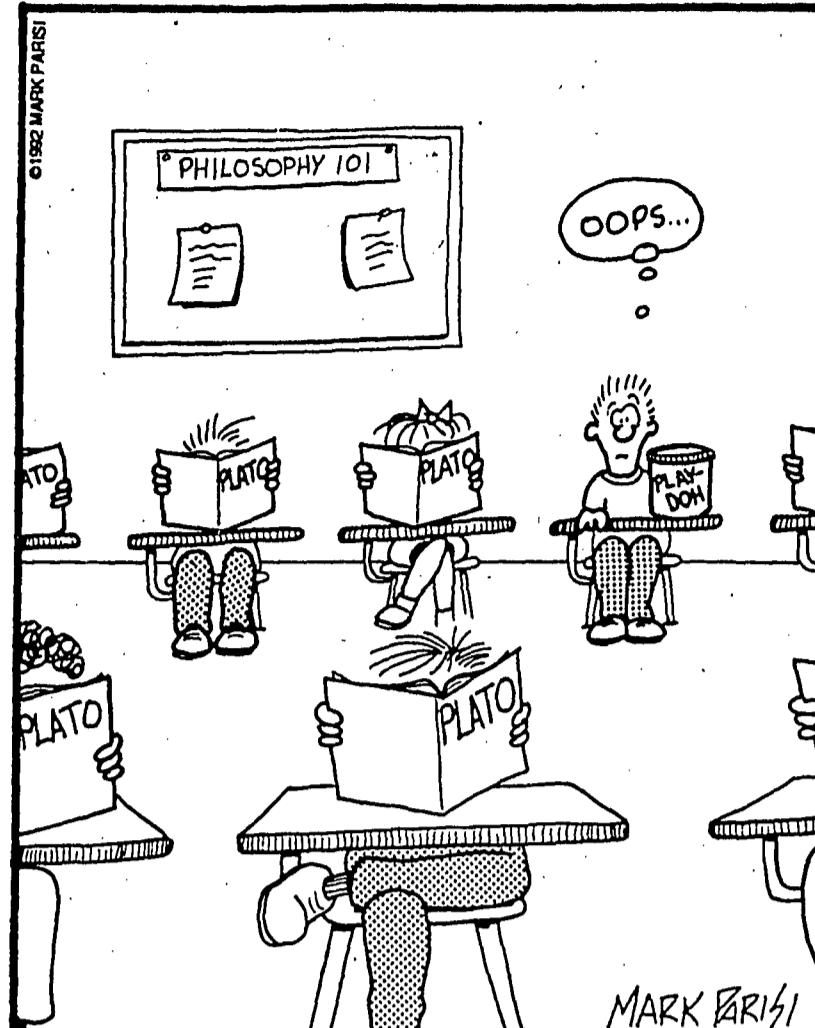


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**MR. POTATO HEAD GETS THE BAD NEWS****'Single White Female' lacks originality, suspense**

Somewhere there is someone hiding in a closet who comes up with these Samaritan-turned-psychos movies. After all, "Single White Female" follows the likes of "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" and "Unlawful Entry," which both employed amiable (at first) killers and paint-by-number storylines. The movie assumes all one has to do is invent new characters and locales, mix in gratuitous killings and you have a potential blockbuster. It worked before, so why not?

But it doesn't work if a filmmaker is indifferent to tension and suspense in a thriller. "Single White Female," as directed by Barbet Schroeder, lacks not only tension and suspense but also originality, and there's not a whole lot of new ideas found here. It's just a

slice-and-dice thriller, with okay performances from leads Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh. If a generic roommate-from-hell movie was ever made, this is it.

Fonda stars as Allie, a software designer on the verge of a big breakthrough with her career. She lives in a spacious New York apartment — this happens only in the movies, folks — where she maintains, she thinks, a stable relationship with her boyfriend. Alas, she discovers her cohabiting boyfriend is a philandering pig, and she tosses him out.

She hates living alone, and wants to find a new roommate to pay the huge rent the script never reveals. All of her prospects, except one, turn out to be the usual weirdos. She decides to take the normal one.

But then Hedy (Leigh) shows up at her door, walks in uninvited and dazzles Allie inexplicably with her eccentric charm. Allie never even makes her an offer. She wants Hedy as a roommate, and quickly forgets the rest. Hedy moves in and proceeds to make her life unbearable.

There is an undeniable sense for her

to trust her instincts with this stranger, but it's clear to us Allie should have interviewed more prospects. There are peculiar personality traits conveyed by Hedy in the opening scenes.

However, for the sake of the story, she doesn't notice. At least not until their dog winds up dead in the street; only then does she suspect something fishy.

Hedy begins to unravel, and she becomes extremely possessive. She starts to wear clothes similar to Allie's. She cuts her hair the same way. She eventually finds herself in bed with Allie's once-estranged boyfriend, and then there are revelations she is under an assumed identity. Eventually she starts becoming psychotic, and characters end up missing or dead.

None of this material is inherently bad. It's plausible on the surface, but



Reel to Reel
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Schroeder, who directed the winning "Reversal of Fortune," treats it as if it were a made-for-TV movie. It's shot almost entirely indoors, complete with the ominous shadows that envelop faces at critical points to lend mood. But there's no real sense of dread here. Example: Late in the film Allie gets the upper hand on Hedy, but instead of running away or seeking help, she puts herself back in danger.

In addition, there's no dread concerning Leigh. I never had the feeling she was a potential timebomb or loose canon; most of her actions seem directed more by script requirements than human spontaneity.

Leigh brings a distinct sense of gloominess to her role, and she is not much a psychotic as she is a pathetic head case in dire need of professional help. That's a big mistake tenant-from-hell "Pacific Heights" didn't even commit with Michael Keaton's character, even though that film was just as drab.

Advice for anyone seeking a new roommate: Be sure you ask questions, and have disparate work schedules.

Rating: ★★

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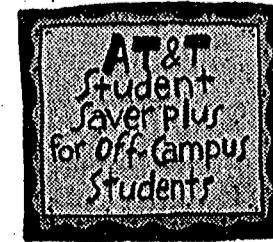


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